

ELVIRA PESCIA MYSTERY MADE DEEPER BY NOTE

Missing Girl Writes About
Suicide and Says She
Rebels at Thought.

WORDS PUZZLE FAMILY.

Brother Says It Reads as
Though It Were Not Vol-
untarily Written.

The mystery of the disappearance of Elvira Pescia is baffling detectives of the police force and private detectives as well. This young woman, handsome, accomplished and rich, with no cares that her family knew about, left her luxurious home at No. 154 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street on Tuesday morning with 5 cents in her pocket. Nothing is known of her actions since that time, but a strange, morbid letter received by her mother would appear to indicate that she contemplated suicide.

The threat of self-destruction in the letter but serves to add to the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the girl. Her brother, Enrico, who is a Marquis by grace of the Italian Government, but dropped his title when he took out American citizenship papers a year ago, says that he is certain the note does not express his sister's real sentiments.

Her Strange Message.
"Suicide," said the young woman in her message, "is certainly a noble and my feelings rebel at the thought, but this is the only road open to oblivion and to end this miserable existence of mine. I have suffered morally and have sought comfort in prayer, and in this my last moment my mind goes to the Supreme Being, from whom I implore forgiveness. I feel too weak to continue the struggle."

"To my mother: I want you to understand that nothing leads me to this fatal step except that I am tired of life. I am much too proud, to accept of my love for you to think any such thing to commit this act," said Enrico Pescia today. "When she left home Tuesday morning she was smiling and cheerful. She had always been cheerful. We thought we knew all her friends and acquaintances and all her little troubles."

Says Her Life Was Happy.
"She speaks of her miserable existence as a matter of fact, but her life was happy. She is an artist and a musician and her time was fully occupied by these pursuits. She was tired of life, when she had everything to live for. The conclusion of her note is, however, and sounds sinister."

"Of course, I cannot say that she wrote the note at the dictation of some one else, but it does not sound, when read, as if she could have voluntarily written it. The note was made somewhere in the district included in the Grand Central Substation a few hours after her departure from home. It was not written here in the house, because there is no paper here like that she used."

Mr. Pescia, who is a wealthy real estate dealer, and his father, who has retired from active business, are directing the search for the missing girl. They have visited all the hospitals and through all the police files without obtaining the slightest clue.

The Pescia home in East One Hundred and Sixteenth street is a fine brownstone mansion. Miss Pescia was twenty-two years old and very handsome. She had a great number of friends in the social circle in which her family moved in Harlem.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—The entries for tomorrow's races are as follows:
FIRST RACE—Six furlongs, selling.
122 Lafayette, 123
124 Bayou, 125
126 Baiter, 127
128 Head of Hyacinths, 129
130 Yachting, 131
132 Jockey, 133
134 Belle Strone, 135
136 Meadow, 137
138 Speed, 139
140 Lead, 141
142 Alship, 143
144 Two Jollys, 145
146 Chief Hayer, 147

SECOND RACE—Five and a half furlongs.
102 Sylvia G., 103
104 Maria, 105
106 Kitchendown, 107
108 Butter Man, 109
110 Pashan, 111
112 Ray, 113
114 Major Mack, 115
116 Baiter, 117
118 Helen, 119
120 Demals, 121
122 Seaside, 123
124 Hawk, 125
126 Cat, 127

THIRD RACE—Five furlongs, purse.
103 R. T. Shipp, 104
105 Hanchard, 106
107 Two Bay, 108
109 Higginbotham, 110
111 Eudochon, 112
113 Ray Thompson, 114
115 Momentum, 116
117 The Bear, 118
119 Hyperion II, 120
121 Elyon, 122
123 Artful Dodger, 124
125 Belmer, 126
127 Jerry Sharp, 128
129 Arch O'Brien, 130

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs, handicap.
104 Refined, 105
106 Conny K., 107
108 Jondy, 109
110 Morillo, 111
112 Constance, 113
114 Election, 115
116 Keston, 117

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs, selling.
108 Silver Ball, 109
110 Hawk, 111
112 Meadow, 113
114 Lexington, 115
116 Lurline, 117
118 The Thorn, 119
120 Bitter, 121
122 Keston, 123
124 Hawk, 125
126 Hawk, 127
128 Hawk, 129
130 Hawk, 131
132 Hawk, 133
134 Hawk, 135
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142 Hawk, 143
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SIXTH RACE—One mile and a sixteenth.
104 Hawk, 105
106 Hawk, 107
108 Hawk, 109
110 Hawk, 111
112 Hawk, 113
114 Hawk, 115
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Missing Young Woman Who Wrote Note About Suicide



ELVIRA PESCIA.

STOCKS RALLY AND CLOSE STRONG

Reading and Northern Pacific
Leaders in Rise in Which
Entire List Shares.

Traders in the early stock market today ignored the influence of higher prices in London caused by the reduction in the Bank of England's official discount rate. First prices showed sharp recessions. The depressing factors were the application for a receiver for the Seaboard, Erie and reports of an intended Government suit to dissolve the Harriman Railroad system.

Union Pacific declined 1/8; Southern Railway preferred and Southern Pacific, 1 1/4; Southern Railway, St. Paul, Great Northern, Ore. Certificate and American Smelting, 1 and Northern Pacific, 1/2. A substantial rally at noon reduced declines materially and lifted a few active speculative stocks over Tuesday's closing level. American Sugar declined 1/4 and Northern Pacific, Reading and Illinois Central 1/4. Additional declines were Wheeling and Lake Erie second, Grady Mining rose 1/4, and American Tobacco preferred 1/8.

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The Closing Quotations.
Today's highest, lowest and last prices of stocks and bond changes as compared with Tuesday's final figures are as follows:

	High	Low	Last	Net
Am. Copper	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Iron	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Steel	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Sugar	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Tobacco	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Cotton	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Lumber	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Paper	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Glass	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Rubber	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Leather	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Wool	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Silk	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Gold	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Silver	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Bonds	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Stocks	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Commodities	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Real Estate	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Insurance	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Utilities	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Transportation	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Manufacturing	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Retail	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Services	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Miscellaneous	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	+ 1/4

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BOMB WRECKS BIG TENEMENTS AFTER THREAT

Owner Had Refused to Pay
\$1,000 Blackmail, and
Sought Police Aid.

20 FAMILIES IN PERIL

Many Cut by Shattered Glass
—Poggioreale's Second Visit
by Black Hand.

Because he would not pay \$1,000 to Black Handers who have been pursuing him for years, Ciro Poggioreale's story double tenement at No. 332 East Eleventh street was wrecked by a bomb last midnight. Twenty families were thrown into a panic, and several persons were hurt hustling out of the buildings, cutting their bare feet on pieces of broken glass.

In addition to blowing up Poggioreale's property the blackmailers have threatened to steal his twin girls, Isabella and Celia, six years old, in letters demanding money. The twins are being guarded with all the care and firearms their family can command today.

Poggioreale had an experience with the Black Hand three years ago, when he kept a grocery at No. 252 Elizabeth street. They wanted money then, and failing to get it blew his place of business up with a bomb.

He quit business and moved to the Eleventh street tenement, which he owned. He had about come to believe the vampires had forgotten him, when some one told him he had a letter calling for a thousand in cash. A threat was made to dynamite his home. He gave the letter to the police, and later, when he received another, turned it over to the detectives to try to await developments.

The bomb today was placed in the central hall. Some musicians had been there just a few minutes before it went off. They played their mandolins and guitars, sang softly and departed. The explosion following hurried the heavy front door from its cement and flung it across the street through the windows of Poggioreale's banking house.

Natoli Grocki had a butcher shop on one side of the hall of the dynamited building. On the other side Nicolaus Di Franco had a grocery. Both houses were wrecked, the partition walls being smashed completely.

Cut Badly by Glass.
The two merchants and their families, fourteen persons in all, lived behind their stores. They escaped through rear windows. Thomas Di Franco, brother of the grocery man, cut his foot badly on glass, and went sent to Bellevue. Celia, one of the Poggioreale twins, stepped on a lancetlike splinter and a doctor had to fix it.

The Poggioreales live on the third floor. They know what it was when the blast shook the house and boomed with a noise heard half a mile away. The family hastily got out. Poggioreale's wife, a sister, pushed the door open and escaped. They ran back and saw scores of half clad men, women and children standing down fire-escapes or tumbling down the ruined stairs. An alarm was given, and many were helped by means of a key in the street was over a thousand in two minutes, and it grew till the police reserves drove tens of thousands of people back to their flats. The neighborhood was still in terror when daylight came.

DRIVE AT HARRIMAN
BEING CONSIDERED

Bonaparte Not Prepared to
Say What He Will Do With
Union and Southern Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Attorney Gen. Bonaparte, when questioned today as to the truth of the statement that suit would soon be begun to dissolve the relationship between the Union and Southern Pacific Railroads, known as the Harriman system, would only say that the matter was under consideration, but he was not prepared to either affirm or deny the report.

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ASSASSIN SHOOT RUSSIAN POLICE CHIEF IN CROWD

Col. Bobroff, Head of Provin-
cial Force at Samara, Slain
on the Street.

SAMARIA, Russia, Jan. 2.—Col. Bobroff, chief of the provincial gendarmerie, was shot and killed in a crowded street here today.

The assassin is declared a member of the Terrorist organization.

PASSENGERS IN SCARE ON EMPIRE STATE EXPRESS

Badly Shaken When Water
Tower Spout Jolts Train
and Smashes Windows.

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—The Empire State Express train, north bound on the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and due in Albany at 11:19 A. M. today, had a narrow escape from serious accident between Rhinecliff and Hudson.

The spout of a water tower side-wiped the locomotive and broke windows all along the side of the train. The express did not leave the track, and while the passengers were severely shaken up and frightened, no one was hurt.

The train arrived here about an hour late.

COUNTRY HAS \$690,130,895
OUTSTANDING CIRCULATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The monthly comparative statement of the Comptroller of the Currency shows that at the close of business Dec. 31 last the total outstanding circulation was \$690,130,895, which is an increase for the year of \$2,088,450 and an increase for the month of \$3,912,699. The circulation based on United States bonds amounted to \$54,000,000, an increase for the year of \$1,700,000 and an increase for the month of \$2,000,000.

The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$646,070,995, a decrease for the year of \$2,119,000 and an increase for the month of \$69,699. The amount of United States bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was \$46,570,000, and the amount of bonds on deposit to secure public deposits was \$38,538,417.

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Short Stories of Unusual Happenings and
Singular Experiences Picked Out of
the Chronicles of the Day.

G. C. Rand, of Denver, has a solid silver jawbone.
He tried to commit suicide two months ago, but only shot away the left side of his jaw.
He was suffering from fever when he shot himself, and his wound was followed by an attack of erysipelas.
But he lived through them all and surgeons riveted a bar of silver, shaped like the piece of jaw torn away, to the edges of the bone.
He has now almost entirely recovered.

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They are Peter Sator, Ross Arnez and Manuel Carr. Justice of the Peace saw charges them with listening at long window while he was holding a private hearing and telling what they heard.

CLUB WOMEN SHOW
BABES TO CRITICS.
Out in San Francisco the club women are arranging a baby show to prove that they are not responsible for divorces.
They expect to exhibit enough babies to convince the whole coast that women may belong to clubs and rear families at the same time.

WHISKERS BURNED
BY PLAYFUL GIRL.
Paul Wiltstone returned to his home in Caldwell, N. J., from Newark where he went to witness the New Year's eve festivities, without a beard, which he wore when he left home. While he was passing a crowd of girls took a torch from a peanut vendor's stand and put it to Wiltstone's whiskers.

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SUICIDE ONLY WAY
TO QUIT THE TOWN.
Thomas Hanley had lived in the town of Calamity, Pa., near Pittsburgh, for many years. He didn't like the place, but he was a miner and he couldn't get away.
"I'm stuck here," he wrote, "and I see but one way to get out. It's with poison." And he drank a fatal dose of laudanum just as the new year was coming in.

DOG HALTED TRAIN
WITH RED LANTERN.
Shep, a dog owned by William Donovan, a railroad yardman at Thompsonville, Conn., flagged a train there last night with a red lantern.
Some boys had tied the lantern to the dog's tail and when the 6:50 express came along Shep was on the track waiting around.
The engineer stopped three feet from the dog.

\$50 REWARD FOR
DOG FOWL THIEF.
There's a dog at large in Seaford, Del., for whose capture \$50 reward is offered.
The dog is a chicken thief. He killed 150 fowl in a week. After slaying thirteen hens for Frank Haddock he was caught. Haddock's son tied him and shot at him, but only cut his collar and the dog got away.

GIRLS DYING FROM
FRUIT-EATING RACE.
Hazel Hooper and Silvia Crissinger, telephone operators at Asotia, Ind., set out to see who could eat the most oranges yesterday.
Miss Hooper ate twenty and Miss Crissinger eighteen. Each also ate two bananas.
They were found groaning on the floor and doctors say they may not recover.

SLID DOWN LADDER,
SAVED WOODEN LEG.
W. T. Rowe, a one-legged man, trapped on the top floor of a burning office building owned by H. C. Frick, in Pittsburgh, last evening slid down the fire-escapes to safety, carrying his wooden leg under his arm.
As he landed a wall fell, mortally injuring him.

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